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SUBJ ECOSOC 55-PETERSON PLENARY STATEMENT ON UNDP

1. SUBSEQUENT TO YOUR DEPARTURE, WE EXAMINED TEXT OF UNDP ADMINISTRATOR PETERSON. AT OUTSET HE ESTIMATES THAT PROGRAM HAS HELPED LOCATE $20 BILLION IN MINERAL RESOURCES. LAST YEAR, MORE THAN $3 BILLION IN CAPITAL INVESTMENT MADE IN UNDP ASSISTED PROJECTS.

2. HE EXPRESSED NEED FOR A 15 PERCENT ANNUAL INCREASE IN VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AS OPPOSED TO PRESENT ACCEPTED RATE OF 9.6 PERCENT. CITES INFUSION NEW TALEN AS RESULT OF WORLDWIDE SEARCH AND PROGRESS IN COUNTRY PROGRAMMING.

3. ELABORATED FOUR INTERLOCKING LIMITATIONS TO FURTHER ORDERLY PROGRESSION OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS, NAMELY, 1) STABILIZING INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SITUATION WITH REFORMS THAT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES, 2) EXPANDING VOLUME OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL
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TRADE, 3) INCREASED INVESTMENT UNDER CONDITIONS FULLY

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UNDERSTOOD BY ALL, AND 4) ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT
WITH A MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME WITHIN AND
BETWEEN COUNTRIES.

4. ENDS WITH APPROACH FOR RENEWED COMMITMENT FROM GOVTS
AND AGENCIES.

5. WHILE GENERAL TONE ONE OF CONFIDENCE AND REASONABLE
OPTIMISM, NO NEW GROUND BROKEN. CALL FOR STEPPED UP
CONTRIBUTIONS IS MUSIC TO LDCS, BUT ISSUE OF FUTURE AID
TARGETS STILL CONTESTED IN UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL.

6. REACTIONS TO PRESENTATION GENERALLY GOOD. EMPHASIS
ON SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROBABLY PLEASED AMB NATORF. HOWEVER,
DO NOT FIND SPEECH REVOLUTIONARY AS CHARACTERIZED
BY HIM.BASSIN

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